

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Stobart, Chairman
Pat Duncan
Tanny Hanahan
Jeff Wilbert

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Elaine Castagno

GUESTS PRESENT: John Van Gorden, Director
Kim Vogel, Recreation Coordinator
Ken Robertson, Parks Superintendent

The Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center. Bill Stobart called the meeting to order with three (4) members present.

First order of business was the tour to 23rd street. Wilbert asked if there were plans to move the skate park to 23rd street. Mr. Van Gorden said that we are looking into that possibility but there would be some expense in building a new concrete pad. Wilbert suggested that the area be used for jogging trails. Stobart said that he has a class that needs to design a park as a project Hanahan asked if there was any money in the budget to design a park. Mr. Van Gorden said that he had asked for \$45,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Van Gorden asked members to please be thinking of ideas for the land and to get back with him.

The second order of business was to tour Deramus Park. Mr. Van Gorden said that PSU will continue working on the shelter when the new semester starts. Mr. Robertson mentioned that to this point we had not had a problem with vandalism in the park and that the new shelter would look much like the downtown pavilion but it would only hold about 50 people. Duncan asked if there was a drinking fountain in the park and Mr. Robertson said that the only one was up by the ball field but if there is money left we might be able to put one in down by the equipment. Wilbert asked if the shelter house would complete the park and Mr. Van Gorden said that Roger Heckert had talked about adding more equipment in the future.

The third order of business was to tour Schlanger Park. Mr. Van Gorden said that the Schlanger caretaker's house is being torn down and he showed the board the area that we would like to use for the dog park. Mr. Robertson mentioned that this was the last park with a caretaker house and now we have one caretaker looking after Lincoln Center and Schlanger Center so there is no need for a house.

The forth order of business was to tour Countryside Park. Mr. Robertson said that the Sunflower Kiwanis Club donated the money for the equipment and the parks employees installed the equipment. The Sunflower Kiwanis Club put in a Pritchett for more equipment so they can complete phase II of the park. Wilbert asked what our liability was on the equipment. Mr. Robertson said that Toby Book is a certified Playground Equipment Technician and that all equipment is checked once a month by parks employees.

With no further business to be discussed, Stobart adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 10, 2005 in Lincoln Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Vogel